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BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN GROUPS SUPPORT DENVER'S GO BOND INVESTMENTS

Denver, CO: A coalition of Denver-based organizations concerned about mobility and safety issues expressed support for the 2017 Denver Bonds that residents will vote on in November. The Bonds are an important investment in safe street networks for walking, biking and transit.

Denver's leading bicycle and pedestrian advocacy organizations formed the Denver Streets Partnership in 2016 to support increased funding for safe walking and biking. Partnership members include Bicycle Colorado, BikeDenver, Denver B-cycle, Denver Cruiser Ride, and WalkDenver.

Over \$275 million of the GO Bonds funding will go toward projects that will increase mobility options for people throughout the city, including over \$115 million specifically for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. The bond package includes many projects that build the sidewalk and bike networks in underserved areas of the city, including Globeville, Elyria-Swansea, West Denver, Montbello, and Green Valley Ranch.

"The projects will help make biking and walking more accessible to everyone, whether you are eight years old or eighty years old," said BikeDenver's Executive Director James Waddell.

WalkDenver's Executive Director Gosia Kung added "Denver neighborhoods deserve people-friendly streets, and these mobility and complete streets* projects will help more people get around Denver safely on foot and by bike."

A fall 2016 poll conducted by Bicycle Colorado showed that the majority of people in Denver ride bikes and overwhelmingly support building the Denver Moves Bicycles network. A growing chorus of residents have also supported improving Denver's disconnected sidewalk network.

- 62% of residents support spending more on bike lanes, even if it means a reduction in traffic lanes and parking.
- More than 60% of residents say they would opt for a bike over a car if there were more bike lanes.
- The majority of residents say Denver should spend more than the current 2% of transportation dollars on biking and walking.

*** Complete Streets are streets for everyone. They are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities.**



Denver's 2017 Transportation Bond = Big Steps Forward for Mobility Options

Building Sidewalk and Bike Lane Networks - \$71.7 M (17% of projects)

Improving Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety - \$43.7 M (11% of projects)

Completing the Streets* and Improving Transit - \$163.5 M (39% of projects)

Roadways and Bridge Reconstruction - \$136.6 M - (33% of projects)

TOTAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS - \$415.5 M
5% PROJECT CONTINGENCY - \$15.5 M
GRAND TOTAL - \$431 M

*For the list of all transportation & mobility projects by category visit www.walkdenver.org
For more information about the 2017 GO Bond, visit denvergov.org/2017GObond
For more information about the Denver Streets Partnership, visit denverstreetspartnership.org*